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Shabbat Message

Chayei Sarah / *Life of Sarah* / חַיֵּי שָׂרָה

Genesis 23:1-25:18

Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

The Conquering Seed

Introduction

In this portion you see the death of Sarah the wife of Abraham and we see that Abraham is now busy trying to get a wife for his son Isaac because He Abraham is getting old and is going to die soon so he wants to make sure the seed is passed on to the next generation. He makes preparations and even marries again and has more kids. Let's look at what this is all about.

The Warrior Seed

Genesis 24:60

1. The significance of gate of a city is the place where administrative and judicial gatherings happen, hence some translations' use of "cities".
2. The gate of a city represented the point of power as it regulates access to the city.
3. It controls what goes into the city and what comes out of it.

The Same Promise to Abraham

Genesis 22:17-18

1. It Is a Covenant Blessing.
2. God swore this promise to Abraham after his obedience (**Genesis 22:17-18**).
3. Ex. Isaac prospered and prevailed against the Philistines by re-digging wells and reclaiming gates of abundance (**Genesis 26:12-22**).

Abraham spreads more Seed

Genesis 25:1-2

1. Abraham was around 140-142 years old when He married Keturah. Why did he get married again? Keturah means fragrance or incense.
2. Fulfillment of the “many nations” promise. “I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.” (Genesis 17:4-6).
3. Isaac alone could perpetuate the covenant, but additional lineages visibly confirmed God’s broader promise. Keturah’s sons fathered Midian, Sheba, and Dedan—ethnic groups attested in second-millennium-BC Northwest-Arabian inscriptions.

Abraham's descendants explained

Genesis 25:3-4

1. Jokshan—father of Sheba and Dedan; their names appear in Sabaeen and Dedanite inscriptions. Zimran is linked with maritime traders on the Red Sea’s eastern shore.
2. Medan—root of northern Arabian tribes cited in LXX. Midian—future hosts of Moses (Exodus 2:15) and recipients of Jethro’s priestly testimony (Exodus 18).
3. Ishbak and Shuah—tribal names echoed in Job 2:11 (Bildad the Shuhite).

Isaac the Covenant Seed Fulfilled

Genesis 25:5-6

1. Covenant exclusivity: “Abraham gave all he possessed to Isaac.” (Genesis 25:5).

2. Universal blessing: non-covenant sons still receive generosity (25:6), foreshadowing Gentile inclusion (Galatians 3:8).
3. Eschatological preview: nations descending from Keturah appear in Isaiah's millennial vision bringing "gold and frankincense" (Isaiah 60:6).

Take Away

1. Keturah was the next wife that Abraham married however in 1 Chronicles 1:32 she is called a concubine which is a wife of a lower rank.
2. Abraham had more sons so He can spread the knowledge of El Elyon to the nations.
3. Isaac is the promised seed that all the families of the earth would be blessed through him ultimately leading to Yeshua the Messiah.

Application

1. I will give thanks that Yehovah has a plan for me to be a part of His people.
2. I will too will be like Keturah and live my life as a fragrance to Yehovah.
3. I will not boast of my position as one who has been grafted in but will thank Yehovah that He grafted me in.

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